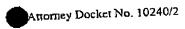
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Sir:

This submission is responsive to the final Office Action mailed December 8, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification: Substitute specification filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: Replacement drawings filed herewith.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 10 of this paper.

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